



Attorney Docket No. 31140C

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Rodriguez et al. )  
Serial No. 10/781,173 ) Examiner Shirley V. Gembeh  
Filed: February 18, 2004 ) Group Art Unit: 1614  
For: Prevention of Ovarian Cancer by )  
Administration of a Vitamin D Compound )

Commissioner For Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Applicants submit this response to the Office Action dated June 2, 2006.

Applicants are submitting herewith a request for a one-month extension of time. Applicants are submitting on October 3, 2006, by separate submission, an Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's withdraw of the rejection for failure to comply with the written description requirement.

The Examiner has issued a new claim rejection under 35 U.S.C. §1.12, second paragraph. The Examiner has stated that the claims are indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner.

In making the rejection, the Examiner asked the question as to the meaning "less frequently than daily." A person skilled in the art would understand that this phrase means that the Vitamin D compound is not administered on a daily basis. The Examiner also asked the question: "How does one prevent administration of Vitamin D via sunlight?" Applicants do not